

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) Electroluminescent device (100,200,300) comprising at least one picture element (110,200,300), said at least one picture element comprising a plurality of electroluminescent sub-pixels (201,202,203,301,302,304) capable of emitting light when subject to electric current, the sub-pixels each having a degradation lifetime and an emissive area, characterized in that, for any pair of first and second sub-pixels in a picture element, the ratio between the first sub-pixel emissive area and the second sub-pixel emissive area is inversely proportional to the ratio between the degradation lifetime of said first sub-pixel and the degradation lifetime of the second sub-pixel.
2. (original) Device as claimed in claim 1, where any of said sub-pixel emissive areas comprises a plurality of discrete emissive area parts (303,305).
3. (currently amended) Device as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~2, where said ratio between the first sub-pixel emissive area ( $A_1$ ) and the second sub-pixel emissive area ( $A_2$ ) follows the relation:

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} \cdot \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} \cdot \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2}$$

where  $\gamma$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\alpha$ , with index 1 representing the first sub-pixel and index 2 representing the second sub-pixel, are respective measurable material parameters, where  $\eta$  represents the efficiency of conversion of electric current to light,  $\gamma$  is a scaling factor depending on the efficiency, brightness

and lifetime, and  $\alpha$  is, in units of total output light by the picture element, the fraction emitted by the respective sub-pixel.

4. (currently amended) Device as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, where said at least one picture element comprises three sub-pixels, said sub-pixels being denoted R-, G- and B-sub-pixel, respectively, and where the relation between the areas  $A_R$ ,  $A_G$  and  $A_B$  of respective R-, G- and B-sub-pixels follows from the relation:

$$\frac{\gamma_R \eta_R A_R}{\alpha_R} = \frac{\gamma_G \eta_G A_G}{\alpha_G} = \frac{\gamma_B \eta_B A_B}{\alpha_B}$$

5. (currently amended) Device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, where the sub-pixels comprise electroluminescent organic material.

6. (original) Device as claimed in claim 5, where the organic material includes electroluminescent polymer.

7. (original) Device as claimed in claim 5, where the organic material includes electroluminescent low molecular weight material.

8. (currently amended) Device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, where the sub-pixels comprise electroluminescent inorganic material.

9. (currently amended) Device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-8~~ claim 1, where the at least one picture element is arranged to provide illumination.

10. (currently amended) Device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-8~~claim 1, where the at least one picture element is arranged in a matrix (101) configuration in a colour display unit.